



Friends,

This week, Congress voted to approve an additional \$40 Billion to fund the ongoing proxy war in Ukraine. This bill is another unwise, rushed aid package that puts foreign interests ahead of Americans. I refused to support the legislation.

MY STATEMENT: [\\$40 Billion to Ukraine. What about America?](#)

It's clear, now is not the time to spend billions of dollars to float another country. [I voted against the Ukrainian aid package](#) because Congress cannot continue inflating our economy and supporting foreign proxy wars while Americans are suffering here at home.

Just this week, American parents couldn't find baby formula on grocery store shelves, gas prices hit a new record high, inflation continues to skyrocket, and the border remains wide open. In fact, under Democrat leadership, inflation hit another milestone this week, as the Consumer Price Index climbed to 8.3% compared to last year, meaning U.S. households are being charged an additional \$311 per month for basic goods. In addition, the American economy continues sagging because this administration refuses to unleash America's energy independence, and even takes harmful actions by canceling oil and gas leases and refusing to open the Keystone Pipeline.

TWEET: [Parents can't find baby formula, and the Biden White House is laughing it off.](#)

"It is admirable to want to help Ukraine, and I support efforts to end Russia's unprovoked attack and assist our Ukrainian allies, but we will have spent nearly \$50 billion, far more than any other

European ally to assist Ukraine, all while American citizens are suffering to feed their families and fill their gas tanks,” I said in my [statement](#).

“Our European allies must step up to help Ukraine. I will not vote to continue inflating our economy and supporting foreign wars, while our mothers struggle to feed their children.”

Americans are facing enough crises at home. Congress needs to start putting Americans’ needs first and should hit pause on the idea of spending \$40 Billion dollars of Americans own tax dollars when we can afford it least. Americans should be asking why the Congressional leadership rushed to spend this money to protect another nation’s border, when these leaders have consistently refused to allocate just \$5 billion to secure our own border.

TWEET: [Congress has no excuse to not secure the border now.](#)

It is very simple. We take an oath of office to the U.S. Constitution, not a foreign nation. Americans are struggling, and we owe it to them to find solutions to our problems here at home. It’s clear that the Biden Administration and Congressional Democrats do not have their priorities aligned with our constituents. Additionally, I was one of only 57 Republicans to vote against this America last spending package. It should’ve been much higher.

READ: [Why is Biden funding crack pipe giveaways rather than fixing the baby formula shortage?](#)

The 2022 Congressional Art Competition

NC-09 students, the 2022 Congressional Art competition is here! This year’s theme is: “An Artistic Discovery.” Tell us through your art!

The Artistic Discovery Contest is open to all high school students in the District. The over-all winner of our District’s competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will also include artwork from other contest winners nation-wide.

If anyone has a student who is interested, the deadline to submit your art is May 16th. To learn more and apply, please visit my website [here](#).

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